

## The Official Newsletter of the Kansas City DX Club

# KC DX NEWS

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**NEXT KCDXC MEETING: April 29-** The April meeting will be held on Monday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m. - Central Resource Library, 9875 W 87th St, Overland Park, KS 66212. The program will be "Some Thoughts from Lee", presented by Lee Ward, KØLW. The program will be followed by the famous Pie Eating Contest at Perkins after the KCDXC meeting.

### TIME FOR 2019 KCDXC DUES!

Members can pay their 2019 KCDXC dues,\$20,on our web age:(<http://www.kcdxclub.com/>) with Paypal. Members can bring cash or check to the next meeting! Dues may also be mailed to ABØX at 7871 Webster Ave., Kansas City, KS, 66109. Remember, to participate in WØAR DX Contest and the NØSS Contest Award program, you must be a paid up KCDXC member.

### ARRL DXCC QSL CARD CHECKING

The KCDXC has two official DXCC QSL Card Checkers who regularly attend KCDXC meetings. ACØA, Bill, and ABØX, Mike, can check your QSLs for DXCC, WAS, VUCC, and WAC awards at most any club meeting. If you have a large number of cards it would be wise to contact them ahead of time so that they can come a little early to handle your cards. Contact Bill, ACØC, at [freeland66215@sbcglobal.net](mailto:freeland66215@sbcglobal.net) , or Mike, ABØX, at [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com) . Don't forget your stamped envelope addressed to the ARRL DXCC Desk!

### DAYTON CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL RESERVATIONS COMPLETE!

Rick, WØZAP, has completed the Crowne Plaza KCDXC reservations for this year! All KCDXC members attending have received their confirmation numbers. Thanks, to Rick for accepting this new chore and doing a great job!!

It has been ABØX's honor to have done this job for the KCDXC for the past 14 years! Thanks, guys and gals for your cooperation over the years.-ABØX

## KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
K0CS	357	320	352			233	85	2377
AB0X	357	353	349	230		222	23	2356
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
W0JLC	353	351	331			102		
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	348	329	318	110		2627
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
N0CWR	349	348	349	312	860	179	35	2816
K0HQW	349	347	333			33		1352
K3PA	350	348	345	316		169	36	2701
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	347	334	330	255	172	172	2	2267
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2312
KB0X	336							
W0QQ	333	217	331	153	151	42		1516
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		1849
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
W0FS	322	270	295		657	181		1770
W0MB	322	194	320	230	143	1		1163
K0AP	316	307	297	230	657			1968
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1852
K0XM	308	261	266	42		30	1	1164
AC0C	302	292	233	220	79	87	2	1822
KG0UA	283	277	116			4		
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	833
W0XE	248	216	193	14				888
W0DR	225	188	174	5		5	7	
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
KY0F	140	2	140				1	
AA0LV	112							
WD0SRI	102	6	55			1	1	102
KR0CK	57	2	53			1	1	57

\*Red listing indicates Top of the Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com) . Please only one update a month.

March 25, 2019



## Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library

Overland Park, KS

The March, 2019 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Russ Woirhaye, KØVXU at 6:00 pm CDT (March 25, 2019 2300 UTC).

Agenda -

- Greeting and Introduction of Guests
- DXing and Contesting
- Business
- Feature Presentations
- o Dave Fischer W7FB Bouvet Propagation
- o Jeff Blaine, ACØC Station Layout
- Closing World Famous Pie Eating and Tall-Tale Telling @ Perkins

Introductions -

We introduced ourselves. No guests were announced. KEØU, Jay, announced he has a new call WØJD.

DXing and Contesting

DXing for April

Based on NG3K website: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

A lot of good DX is planned. Bouvet, Norfolk Island, The Gambia, Burkina Faso, Market Reef, Djibouti, and Jersey Island, are expected highlights.

Contesting for March

Based on WA7BNM website: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

Highlights reported were CQ WPX SSB, JIDX NCCC RTTY sprint (for ACØ), and state QSO parties MO, NM, ND, GA, MS, NE, MI, ON, FL. Yes, I know ON is not a state. An appeal was made to spot club members during the MO QSO party when heard/worked.

Business

1. Dues are due - \$20 - deliver your payment to Mike Crabtree, ABØX. Cutoff date is April 1 for WØAR and NØSS participation.
2. Get your room reservation payments at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dayton if you plan on using one of those rooms. (\$149 payable to Crowne Plaza). It appears no one in the club is going to have a fleamarket booth.

Programs

Dave Fischer W7FB Bouvet Propagation

Dave showed the number and locations of the propagation hops needed to get a signal to/from Bouvet. It seems perilous. (Since the meeting the Bouvet operation has been postponed.)

Jeff Blaine, ACØC, Station Layout

Jeff first showed the station layout at the operating positions, both vintage gear and modern gear.

Then he showed:

- Controls inside including antenna, tower and the Station Master Deluxe controller.
- Controls Outside including topology, feedline routing
- Control Routing
- 20 meter tower junction/coax switch
- 40 m tower junction/coax switch
- 160m tower base, 80m 4 square controller
- RX antenna site

- I probably missed some
- He also showed his vintage keyer and Arduino keyer and a crazy audio filter with a sweet spot in the center of the pass-band.

You can see all this great stuff at his website [www.ac0c.com](http://www.ac0c.com).

#### Announcements

The presenter for April will be Lee, K0LW.

If you want to update your DX status on the web site or in the newsletter contact, Don, W0XE or Mike, AB0X .

If you need a ride or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let Russ, K0VXU know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

Charlie, K0THN, showed a semi-replica of a World War II Paraset transceiver that he has built. He may do a presentation on it and some of his other projects in the future.

The May meeting will be held June 3 to talk about Dayton.

Charles Hett, K0THN KCDX Club Secretary

## DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

Bouvet Postponed- 3Y0I BOUVET DXPEDITION NEWS (Update/Postponed). The 3Y0I DXpedition has been postponed due to damage to the "Atlantic Tuna" (navigational equipment). The 3Y0I team states that they will go back to Bouvet Island as soon as possible once the ship is repaired and it is safe to go. The 3Y0I team is now back in Cape Town, South Africa. There have been a few press releases posted by Stan, SP8S, and can be viewed at the following URLs.

Press Release #7, dated March 29th -- A special E-mail written by Dale, K1USA, to the 3Y0I team. It is titled "TRANS-ATLANTIC POSITIVE VIBES":

<https://bouvetoya.org/trans-atlantic-positive-vibes>

Press Release #8, dated April 2nd -- Titled "3Y0I BACK IN CAPE TOWN":

<https://bouvetoya.org/3yoi-back-in-cape-town>

Press Release #9, dated April 2nd -- Titled "THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF MR. ANTHONY BURKE - THE MV ATLANTIC TUNA'S CAPTAIN:

<https://bouvetoya.org/the-official-statement-of-atlantic-tunas-captain>

As of April 4th, repair work was in progress on Atlantic Tuna. Waiting for new V SAT antennas and installation.

For more details and updates, we suggest to watch the following Web pages:

3Y0I Bouvetoya Web site: <https://bouvetoya.org>

Rebel DX Group Web site: <https://www.rebeldxgroup.com>

DXCC'S MOST WANTED (ClubLog). The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of April 5th. The list contains 340 entities. The following are the top 10 entities:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. P5 DPRK (North Korea)  | 6. BV9P Pratas Island     |
| 2. 3Y/B Bouvet Island     | 7. KH7K Kure Island       |
| 3. FT5/W Crozet Island    | 8. KH3 Johnston Island    |
| 4. BS7H Scarborough Reef  | 9. FT5/X Kerguelen Island |
| 5. CE0X San Felix Islands | 10. 3Y/P Peter 1 Island   |

Two changes this month. Kerguelen Island (FT5/X) and Peter 1 Island (3Y/P) switched places in the 9th and 10th positions. The complete "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list is available at: <https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLANDS. Operators Keith/GM4YXI/GM5X and Chris/GM3WOJ/GM2V are revisiting the Cocos Keeling Islands (OC-003) between November 12-27th, using the callsign VK9CZ which they used in 2013 and 2017. They will be active for 18 days, on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB with some FT-8. The focus will be on the low bands with efficient antennas on the beach and two RX antennas. Also, look for VK9CZ in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-2 entry. VK9CZ will confirm all QSOs via LoTW and ClubLog. The QSL Manager for paper QSL cards is Steve, N3SL. A new Web site will be online soon with more information, propagation charts, etc.... at:  
<http://www.vk9cz2019.com>

5X, UGANDA. Anders, SM0HPL, is once again active as 5X7W from Kampala until April 27th. Activity will be limited to his spare time (due to his job) on 20-10 meters (possibly 30m) using CW, JT65 and FT8. QSL via SM0HPL, ClubLog or LoTW.

9G, GHANA. Matteo, IZ4YGS, will once again be active as 9G5GS from Sanzule, West Takoradi (Western Region), Ghana, between April 13th and May 7th. Matt informed OPDX back in December that he travels to Ghana almost every month for work reasons. Activity will be limited to his spare time. He is usually on "almost every evening" on 20/30/40/60/80/160m; Setup FT-891, small 300w amp and vertical antenna, using mostly FT8 and SSB. On FT8 (Fox-Hound Mode) the suggested frequencies are: 3567, 7056, 10131 and 14090 kHz. QSL via IZ4YGS, direct or eQSL.

9U, BURUNDI. Francesco, IV3TMM, will once again be active as 9U3TMM from Bujumbura (WW Loc. KI46QP) between August 31st and September 17th. Activity will be on 60-6 meters using SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via IV3TMM, by the A.R.I. Italian Bureau, ClubLog or LoTW.

FO/M, MARQUESAS ISLANDS (Press Release #1, date April 9th). Bob, K4UEE, sent of the following [edited]: Members of the CAN-AM DXpedition Group will be operating from the Island of Hiva Oa in the Marquesas Islands for 10-12 days between November 6-19th, 2019. The Marquesas Islands rank #60 on the ClubLog's DXCC "Most Wanted List". Operations will include all available bands, 160m-10m and CW, SSB and FT8. Operators are: F6BCW, K4UEE, K5PI, W5MJ, W5SJ, W5RF, VA7DX and VE7KW. This includes the operators from TX5T last year. QSLs will be available via direct and LoTW. A website and further details will be available soon.

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI (Reminder). Ken, KH6QJ, will once again be active as T32AZ from Crystal Lodge, Kiritimati Island [Christmas Island](OC-024) between April 16-23rd. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15 meters, but will focus on 40 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home call, direct or by the Bureau.

VP8/OS, SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS DXPEDITION (Update). The South Orkney Islands DXpedition (AN-008) has added another operator to the team for their planned operation in Feb/Mar of 2020. The team of operators now includes: Dave/K3EL (Team Leader), Les/W2LK (Co-Team Leader), Steve/W1SRD, Ricardo/PY2PT, Gene/K5GS (Co-Organizer and Treasurer), Arliss/W7XU (Medical Officer), Heye/DJ9RR, Laci/HA0NAR, Mike/WA6O, Vadym/UT6UD, Walt/N6XG, Rob/N7QT and Ken/NG2H (newly added). They will fill the last open position soon. For more details and updates, visit the following media pages:

VP8/OS Web page: <https://sorkney.com>

FaceBook page : <https://www.facebook.com/SouthOrkneyDX>

Twitter page : <https://twitter.com/southorkneydx>

**THANKS OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN**



# WANTED

A REWARD OF 500 MICROFARADS IS OFFERED FOR THE INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF HOP-A-LONG CAPACITY. THIS UNRECTIFIED CRIMINAL ESCAPED FROM A WESTERN PRIMARY CELL WHERE HE HAD BEEN CLAMPED IN IONS WAITING THE GAUSS CHAMBER.

HE IS CHARGED WITH THE INDUCTION OF AN 18 TURN COIL NAMED MILLIHENRY WHO WAS FOUND CHOKED AND ROBBED OF VALUABLE JOULES. HE IS ARMED WITH A CARBON ROD AND IS A POTENTIAL KILLER. CAPACITY IS ALSO CHARGED WITH DRIVING A DC MOTOR OVER A WHEATSTONE BRIDGE AND REFUSING TO LET THE BAND-PASS.

IF ENCOUNTERED, HE MAY OFFER SERIES OF RESISTANCE. THE ELECTROMOTIVE FORCE SPENT THE NIGHT SEARCHING FOR HIM IN A MAGNETIC FIELD, WHERE HE HAD GONE TO EARTH. THEY HAD NO SUCCESS AND BELIEVED HE HAD RETURNED OHM VIA A SHORT CIRCUIT.

HE WAS LAST SEEN RIDING A KILOCYCLE WITH HIS FRIEND EDDY CURRENT WHO WAS PLAYING A HARMONIC.



*Anyone that has been around amateur radio any time has heard about the dreaded Wouff Hong. However, many newcomers may not be educated yet. The following piece about this phenomenon will enlighten those newcomers. It was downloaded from CompuServe™. Ed.*

### The Wouff Hong

In an institution as old as amateur radio, traditions and symbols of the art appear and become part of it. Our traditions are many, among them our long record of self-policing, our dedication to public service in experimentation, our instant response to the call of our country in time of war. But of the symbols, only one -- aside from the ARRL diamond -- has become a part and parcel of the framework of amateur radio, the symbol of its finest traditions, its long and glorious history.

That symbol is the Wouff Hong. Every ham should know its origin.

It seems to us that now is a good time to retell the story of this famous and beloved part of the very fabric of amateur radio.

Visitors to Headquarters and to W1AW seeing either the original or one of the many replicas in our buildings, ask what it means. New members of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong, initiated during the midnight convocations of the Order at League Conventions, ask, "But where did it come from, in the beginning?"

It started back in 1917, in the very earliest days of the ARRL and QST, when an anonymous amateur, writing under the title "The Old Man", created a wonderful series of humorous stories in the magazine. In a pithy, irascible style he assailed all that struck him as criticizable about ham radio operation of the period in his famous "Rotten Radio" series, beloved to this day by all who read it. He pitilessly exposed the poor operating practices of the day, yet did it in a way which drew chuckles even from those recognizing themselves as the special targets of his ire.

In one of those stories, "Rotten QRM", he launched forth with examples of some of the poor sending cluttering up the band in a particular QSO to which he was listening. The gibberish included the words "wouff hong" which, apparently, was being used by someone on somebody else.

It turned out to be one of those priceless pieces of spontaneous word invention. Instantly, it caught on with the gang. Although T.O.M. himself admitted at the time he didn't know exactly what a wouff hong was, it quickly became something with which both to attack bad operating practices and to discipline their perpetrators. Within three months, the editor of QST found it necessary to write an editorial on the growing demand from the membership for wouff hongs. How rapidly this situation might have developed had not World War I intervened is a matter of speculation. But the

tradition had been established, the Wouff Hong created in the minds of thousands of amateurs as some mythical instrument of torture to be used in enforcing good operating practice in amateur radio.

When QST resumed after the war, one of its first contributors was T.O.M. In as early 1919 issue he contributed an article "Rotten Starting" to work off steam on the slowness with which our government was getting around to let us operate again. At the conclusion of this article appeared the following: "In the meantime... I am sending you a specimen of a real live Wouff Hong which came to light out here when we started to get our junk out of cold storage. Keep it in the Editorial sanctum where you can lay your hands on it quickly in an emergency. We will be allowed to transmit soon and then you will need it."

The object was duly received at hq. The Editor, fully mindful of the historic significance of the occasion, took the instrument to one of the first Board meetings, in New York, May 3, 1919, subsequently duly reporting in QST that "each face noticeably blanched when the awful Wouff

Hong was laid on the table". By an action still a part of the League's official records, that Board voted that the Wouff Hong be framed and placed on display in the hq offices of the League. There it remains to this day.

We know the significance of the Wouff Hong. We don't know the significance of its weird shape. Not even the beloved T.O.M. (revealed after his death, as none other than our first president, Hiram Percy Maxim) ever explained that. Nor was the precise manner of its use ever prescribed, although it perhaps may be guessed with a little imagination. But as the years passed, it continued to grow in the affections of amateurs the country over, old-timer and youngster alike. It became the inspiration of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong, the amateur secret society of the ARRL convention. Today, it is thoroughly entrenched in the lore of Amateur Radio as its most sacred symbol.

The Wouff Hong! -- See it when you next visit ARRL hq.

**...some mythical  
instrument of torture to  
be used in enforcing good  
operating practice in  
amateur radio.**

### The Quote Spot

*The following custom described by Mark Twain seems very applicable. My only problem as I get older is knowing which place I used for storing the crazy thing. Ed.*

*Have a place for everything and keep the thing somewhere else; this is not a piece of advice, it is merely a custom. — Mark Twain*

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## DEAD SOLDIER:

BY AB0X Via N0CWR

A few months ago N0CWR completely redesigned his 160 Meter transmitting antenna. Kevin homebrewed a new loading coil for his approximate 50' vertical antenna. He added a homebrewed loading coil about  $\frac{3}{4}$  the way to the top of the vertical. It loaded well and was easily tuned to 1.825 MHZ. It loaded great and was an effective radiator with 100 watts. However, when field tested with the amp on full power this brave soldier gave up the ghost for the cause. N0CWR referenced the famous book, How to Troubleshoot Ham Radio Projects, by **U.C. Black**, as helping him discover the problem.

A new coil about 3 times larger in diameter and wire size, replaced the blackened coil. N0CWR has worked several new ones this year thanks to this new design! (The dead solder received an appropriate burial in a nearby land fill.)



## STUFF LEFT FROM N0XA ESTATE:

Contact AB0X at [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com) if you have any interest in these things. Some will be on sale at Hambash this Sat.







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**K3ZN KEYS**

